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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AD HOC GROUP FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE TRAININ
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SERVICES (AC/296)

REF: (A) USNATO AIRGRAM A-133 DTD MAR 28, 1977 (NOTAL;
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SUMMARY: THE UK HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE
IN THE FUNDING OR PROVISION OF ASSETS FOR NATO ELECTRONIC
WARFAE (EW) TRAINING SERVICES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ACTION
PRECLUDES ADDITIONAL PROGRESS IN THE AD HOC GROUP, AND WE
RECOMMEND THAT THIS SUBJECT BE RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL FOR
REEXAMINATION. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.
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END SUMMARY.

1. REF A FORWARDED THE TEXT OF THE LETTER ANNOUNCING
THE UK'S REFUSAL TO FUND OR PARTICIPATE IN EW SERVICES
FOR NATO INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM (NATINADS)
TRAINING. THIS UNEXPECTED ACTIN CAUSED CANCELLATION
OF THE MARCH 22 MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE
PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE TRAINING SERVICES,
AC/296 (REF B), AND IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF EVENTS
THAT HAVE IMPEDED EFFORTS TO BOBTAIN EW SERVICES FOR NATO

TRAINING AND EXERCISES. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH EITHER THE RATIONALE OR CONCLUSIONS OF THE UK LETTER, BUT WE SEE NO HOPE OF CHANING THIS POSITION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

2. THE UK POSITION APPLIES TO EW SERVICES FOR TRAINING; IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE PROVISION OF THESE SERVICES FOR EXERCISES. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND A US PROPOSAL THAT THE AD HOC GROUP (AHG) TREAT TRAINING AND EXERCISES SEPARATELY. IN OUR VIEW, FUDNING OF EW SERVICES FOR EXERCISES SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN EXERCISE EXPENSE AND FUNDED ACCORDINGLY. EACH ALLY SHOULD PAY HIS NORMAL SHARE ACCORDING TO THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE COST-SHARING FORMULA. INASMUCH AS THE AHG CANNOT RESOLVE THE TRAINING PROBLEM, IT SHOULD SO INFORM THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC).

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US SUBMIT A PAPER TO THE AHG, LAYING OUT OUR VIEWS, PROPOSING A REPORT TO THE NAC, AND CALLING FOR AN EARLY MEETING TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

IF THE AHG ACCEPTS OUR PRPOSALS, IT CAN BE DISBANDED AND THE NAC ITSELF CAN ATTACK THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING EW SERVICES FOR NATINADS TRAINING. WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSION IN THE NAC WILL TEST THE SUBSTANCE OF THE UK POSITION AND COULD LEAD EITHER TO A CHANGE IN THE UK POSITION OR TO DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIAL COST-SHARING
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ARRANGEMENT TO FUND EW TRAINING SERVICES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE LATTER ARRANGEMENT IS IMPERFECT BUT, IN VIEW OF NATO'S DEMONSTATED NEED FOR EW TRAINING, WE BELIEVE THIS IS A LESSER EVIL THAN CNTINUED LACK OF TRAINING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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